

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 316

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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Lynne Harrison, on  
her selection as the 2001 Wilson County  
Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Harrison is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Harrison has recently been selected as the 2001 Wilson County Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her exemplary tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Harrison received an engraved vase to commemorate being named Wilson County Teacher of the Year and a check for \$1,000 in a ceremony to honor excellence in education at Cumberland University's Baird Chapel; and

WHEREAS, A sterling scholar, Lynne received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education from Middle Tennessee State University; she is a Career Ladder Level II Teacher and has accumulated more than thirty additional credit hours at Middle Tennessee State University and Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Harrison has served with distinction as a full-time educator for twenty-seven years; since 1985, she has taught Language Arts to seventh grade students at Walter J. Baird Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Harrison began her illustrious teaching career in Biloxi, Mississippi at St. Francis Elementary School, where she conscientiously taught sixth-grade from 1971 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Lynne Harrison accepted a teaching position at Pleasant Shade Elementary School in Carthage, where she worked with the Tennessee State Reading Program; and

WHEREAS, From 1976-85, she served at Highland Heights Elementary School where she taught grades 3, 5, and 6; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable educator began teaching at Walter J. Baird Middle School in 1985, serving as a seventh- and eighth-grade English teacher; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Harrison is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, The epitome of the dedicated teacher, Lynne Harrison is involved in many professional organizations, including the National Education Association, Tennessee Education Association, Lebanon Education Association, Tennessee Association of Middle Schools, and International Reading Association; she has attended numerous Statewide Educational Workshops and Conferences; and

WHEREAS, An astute leader, she has served as the Cooperating Teacher for Student Teachers, Team Leader for Mini-School, sponsor for Students Taking a Right to Stand, a member of the TCAP Writing Assessment Scoring Committee, and Chairperson for School Improvement Plan Committee; and

WHEREAS, In addition to receiving Wilson County's Teacher of the Year Award, Ms. Harrison has also been honored as a 1991 participant of the Governor's Conference on Writing

at the University of Tennessee, a recipient of the Cracker Barrel Grant, and has been recognized as the 2001 Teacher of the Year for the Lebanon Tenth District School System; and

WHEREAS, Active in her community, Lynne Harrison has served as a Girl Scout Leader, Mothers' March of Dimes Campaign Resource Person, and American Cancer Crusade Campaign Resource Person; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Harrison is a devout member of the Gladeville Baptist Church, which she has served faithfully as Bible Study Teacher, Choir Member, Director of Discipleship Training and a member of the Committee on Committees, Church Bylaws Committee, and Vision Committee; and

WHEREAS, She believes "that all children have the right to learn, need to learn, and a desire to learn"; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Harrison truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Lynne Harrison truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Lynne Harrison on being named as the 2001 Wilson County Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.